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Sirs:

The Consulate wishes to acknowledge receipt of your letter under date of October 21, 1948 relative to shortage of supplies forwarded from Bremen September 10, 1948, via freight car Bremen 7211. This matter has been taken up locally with the commercial firms who loaded and checked the freight car, the Bremer Lagerhaus-Gesellschaft and August Kreinjobst, and they have furnished the Consulate with a copy of their loading and tally report which indicate a total of 90 cases were loaded. However, as two cases were definitely in the car with the other markings, the tallies were apparently in error and therefore open to other discrepancies.

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The Consulate is unable to furnish any information as to cause of the shortage on arrival of the car in Weinheim as the foregoing firms who handled the shipment both tallied 90 cases. On such large shipments as above, the Consulate arranges with the Bremer Lagerhaus-Gesellschaft and August Kreinjobst to load cargo direct from vessel to freight car to eliminate additional expenses involved in moving supplies by truck from shipside to our warehouse and then onto freight cars. This is the first instance where a shortage has turned up in a freight car since the foregoing arrangement has been in effect.

From the information furnished, it would appear that a total of 80 cases were received with two containing automobile parts marked 1720-C, Nos. 2 and 3. Per telephone conversation with Mr. Lemmo on December 14, 1948, the name of the consignee for these parts has been received by your office and proper disposition of same is being made. Concerning the four cases short, Nos. 127, 129, 134 and 138, it is understood that you are taking the matter up with the shippers in the United States with a view of endeavoring to locate the missing cases. The Consulate wishes to advise that it did not file a claim against the shipping company at time cargo was discharged as the tallies used for our records indicated that the total lot was received.

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For future supplies received for your office in small lots, the Consulate desires to suggest that they continue to be forwarded via the truck despatched from Karlsruhe. These supplies can be loaded in the rear of the truck and can be delivered on the return journey. This will eliminate any possible pilferage while enroute from Bremen to Weinheim.

The Consulate is notifying Mr. Fyfe, US Government Despatch Agent at New York, and the local agents for the S/S "AMERICAN BANKER" regarding the loss of the four cases and should any further information be received, the Consulate will notify your Unit immediately.

Very truly yours,

/s/
Maurice W. Altaffer
American Consul General

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